6 Main Line Electric Multiple Unit services are proposed to be introduced on the following sections

(i) Panipat-Ambala

(ii) Dahod-Ratlam

(iii) Anand-Godhra

(iv) Nagpur-Badnera

Diesel Multiple Unit/Push Pull/Air brake shuttle services are proposed to be introduced on the following sections

(i) Amritsar-Pathankot

(ii) Vijayawada-Narsapur

(iii) Satna-Rewa

(iv) Satna-Manikpur

(v) Ahmedabad-Mehsana-Abu Road

(vi) New Jalpaiguri area

(vii) Shoranur-Nilambur

(viii) Cuttack-Paradeep

(ix) Katihar-Mansi-Barauni

(b) An additional 2nd class unreserved coach is being provided on 6039/6040 Madras-Varanasi Express and 6043/6044 Madras-Patna Express from 1-10-1996. In addition, one 2nd class unreserved coach will be provided between Pathankot and Barkakana on 8101/8102 Muri Express from October 1996.

Besides restoring 3039/3040 Delhi Howrah Janta Express, the frequency of 5209/5210 Amritsar-Barauni Jansewa Express is also being increased from biweekly to triweekly from October 1996 thereby substantially increasing the unreserved accommodation for passengers.

[English]

Stoppage at Mulanthuruthy

3949 SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been decided to provide a stoppage at Vanchinad or Venad Express running through Kerala at Mulanthuruthy;

(b) if so, whether it has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is not commercially justified.

Sub Standard Fertilizer

3950 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nearly 14,000 tonnes to urea imported for Hindustan Level involving National Fertilizers Limited has been found sub-standard and harmful for the crop;

(b) if so, the name of the country from which the urea has been imported;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, whether the report of the inquiry has been submitted to the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Out of the total material discharged from vessel 'Sea Venus' at Sagour Port and subject to quality check, 6514 MTs of Urea was found to meet the quility specifications as prescribed in the Fertilizer (Control) Order (FCO) 1985. The balance 11 736 deficient in particle size.

(b) This consignment of urea was imported from Romania.

(c) to (e) Based on the findings of the Regional Fertilizer Control Laboratory, Kalyani, which conducted the quality check, the distribution to farmers of the entire quantity declared non-standard was stopped. Separately, M/s. National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) have been in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, issued notice for imposition of penalty for the deviation in particle size.

Milk Powder

3951 SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the milk powder is being imported in the country from the foreign suppliers by the Government and private agencies;

(b) if so, the names of supplier countries/agencies and the quantum imported during each of the last three years;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken to ensure that the imported milk powder is of the requisite standard quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF

AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

Vendor Stall at Howrah Coaching Complex

3952. DR. ASIM BALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the passengers are facing a lot of difficulties in the absence of any railway vendor stall at Howrah New Coaching Complex and unauthorized hawkers are supplying unhygienic foods to the passengers of that complex; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to open railway vending stall at the New Complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Return Reservation Facilities

3953. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps are being taken to provide return reservation facilities on the reservation centres of West Bengal particularly at Asansol, Durgapur, Raniganj, Purulia, Bally, Seoraphylli, Jadavpur and salt lake areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Booking for onward and return journey reservations can be made at Asansol, Durgapur, Raniganj, Purulia, Bally, Sheoraphuli, Jadavpur and Salt lake areas for all trains originating from the stations linked to the reservation system at Calcutta. Besides, reservations for other trains passing through these stations can also be secured to the extent of quotas available there.

The facility of onward and return journey reservations from the stations linked to the other four reservation systems at Mumbai, Delhi, Secunderabad and Madras can become available at all reservation offices with networking of the five reservation systems. For this purpose the work of development of necessary networking software has been taken up.

(c) Does not arise.

Use of Mixed Fertilizers

3954. DR. G.R. SARODE : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether mixed fertilizer plants in Maharashtra are using subsidized fertilizers such as Urea, D.A.P. and M.O.P.;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to curb such practice; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance for Pollution Control

3955. DR. DEBI PRASAD PAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have provided any help to West Bengal for preventing pollution in the State during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b) The details of the help provided to the Government of West Bengal by the Union Government for prevention of pollution is given in the attached statement.

(c) Does not arise.

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme and Details	Assistance given		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Reimbursement of water cess for pollution control measures, assisting industrial units in the adoption of clean process technologies and sewage treatment system in Class II and Class III towns.	1,23,47,674	1,34,85,886	2,42,10,782
2.	Assistance for abatement of pollution-grants-in-aid for specific schemes/projects and research studies.	–	–	8,00,000
3.	Scheme for setting up of Pollution awareness and Assistance Centres (PAAC) (Scheme commenced in 1995-96)	–	–	25,000

Relief Scheme for Fishermen

3956. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :